




# Hello, Birmingham. It's Buffalo.



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**MOOD:** 😊 darned good

**MUSIC:** Lucinda Williams - Satisfied Mind

So I'm doin' my bit to save the world, including making it to the desk before 10 a.m. on a Saturday, and does the Philly field office have their figures in my inbox when I get there? Nooooooooo. Luckily, everybody else sent theirs. I believe the world can be saved without considering Philadelphia. Nyah nyah, Philadelphia!

 **Ometotchtli** (<https://Ometotchtli.livejournal.com/>), how can you not like Ani DiFranco? Seeeeriously?

Either she's very small or her guitar is a special giant-size stunt guitar. I swear, she's got to be burning as many calories on stage as I do (I mean, not on stage. Whatever.) She's banging on that guitar like it's a door someone just shut in her face and she's not done telling them off, and she's jumping and kicking and bouncing around the stage like some hair-band lead guitarist with a Flying Vee, except less as if she'd doing it to impress and more as if she just can't *help* it. And she's funny. And she's up there as if she wants to give us a present, as if she's feeding us dinner and she's afraid we might go home still a little hungry.


And how many other songwriters can write breakup songs that don't sound like the end of the world? Seriously, there's life at the end of an Ani breakup song.

Not that it was a breakup sort of evening. Not even close.

I'd rattle off the setlist, but it's not as if I need to record it for posterity. \*g\* The new album is still *Canon*, so she's doing stuff from her whole career, and the show just slays. High points included "Both Hands" (she started it and the crowd! went! wild!), "Hello Birmingham" (one of my favorites, maybe because of how she tells the story), "Names and Dates and Times" (okay, yeah, I sort of identify with some of that one \*g\*), and "Fire Door" (one of the aforementioned breakup songs). "Fire Door" got a little extra

mojo when on one of the lines somebody kinda snuck her hand into mine. Mmm.

Amarilis says she's not sure yet if she likes Ani DiFranco's music, but she likes Ani DiFranco. Seeing her live, man, it would be really hard *not* to.

Then all four of us dragged ourselves out to a diner and had coffee, and when  [trollcatz](https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/) (https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/) and I got a little too geeky, maybe, ahem, T. kept Amarilis from movin' away from us on the bench. Thanks, T.



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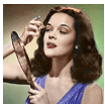
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Like the Ani guitarplaying. But otherwise Too. Many. Worrrrrrrrds. \*g\*



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My bud the anti-intellectual. Pull da udda one.

Well, you had to have one teeny-tiny flaw.



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I listen to Steely Dan.



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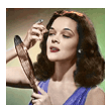
LEPER! UNCLEAN! \*ding ding ding ding\*



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[November 18 2007, 01:13:47 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Oh, shaddap. Smartass kid. \*g\*



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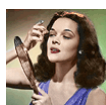
Sorry, honey. He's right. Quarantine for you.



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Okay. Gimme back my Nick Cave live bootlegs.



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Noooooooooooooooooooo!

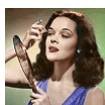


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Hey! I like Steely Dan. There's nothing wrong with Steely Dan.

Except in concert.



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Too smooth. They make me suspicious. \*g\*



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[November 18 2007, 01:57:16 UTC](#) Edited: [November 18 2007, 12:11:15 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

You know, I was just going to quote the lyrics of "Don't Take Me Alive" to you as proof of their cool, and then I remembered where I was.

Seriously, I love their lyrics. Very nuanced and neat, socially conscious and character-driven without being cynical or Pollyanna.

Maybe "Show Biz Kids" would be a better example for present company.



 [trollcatz](#)

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T. says it's comforting to know there are things she can rescue us from. \*g\*

And I notice that A. ate half her piece of pie and slid it in front of you without hardly thinkin' about it. Oooh, fast learner!




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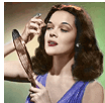
She shares her pie? Why can't I find a date who shares pie?




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We will gladly help you train him. BUT YOU HAVE TO INTRODUCE ONE OF 'EM FIRST.




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I need to find one I'm willing to be seen with twice, first...



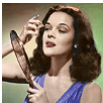
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Oh, come on. They can't be that bad.

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...Can they?



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I have irrationally high standards for repeat business.



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She's pretty sharp, yeah. You should have heard her on issues of resupply in subSaharan Africa last night, and Doctors Without Borders. Some of the stuff that goes on politically around the distribution of medical aid is just amazing.

To get to the sick people, you have to get past some power structures that, well, I wouldn't be surprised if in some cases, the gammas are running the show.

(I will not get my hopes up. I will not get my hopes up. I will just enjoy this and not make it all Important in my head. I will be a good boyfriend, and rub her feet.)



 [trolldatz](#)

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Uh, just want to say, dude? That thing you did on the wall this afternoon?

I thought. You were. Going. To die.

Gah.




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Ooops! Wow, look at the time. Gotta run! Date night!



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Yeah, and in a couple hours BOY is the bruise around that laceration gonna be pretty. Wear something that coordinates.



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I just wore a long-sleeved shirt. It was cold anyway.

(Also? Totally hot in jeans and a sweater. And I said so. Though the sweater did not survive contact with my apartment. She's from the islands. We are apparently climatologically compatible. This is going entirely too well for a Meg Ryan movie, unless we're still in the bit with the montage.)



 [hawkwing\\_lb](#)

[November 18 2007, 01:55:23 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Hi. Hope you don't mind that I've friended you. I like your food posts. :)



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No, that's totally cool. You're in Ireland? I would \*love\* to see Ireland someday.



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[November 18 2007, 02:07:14 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Yep, Ireland's where I am. It's a cool place. And damp, too. :)



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Maybe I can bring a sun lamp.



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Probably a good plan.

(Things to bring on a trip to Ireland? Raingear, sunglasses, warm clothes, cool clothes. Frequently, all needed on the same day. Occasionally all needed in the same hour.)



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Oh, it's kind of like Vermont.



[hawkwing\\_lb](#)

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Never been to Vermont. But probably. :)

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